

Class in the Madras Medical College, for a State Scholarship;

(b) how were the said applications disposed of?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Mr P. M. Ali Kunhi, student, 3rd year M. B. B. S. class, Medical College, Madras, applied for a State Scholarship.

(b) The petitioner was informed that no scholarship was available.

Young Mens' Muslim Association.

135. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Is the Government in receipt of the resolutions passed at a Special Meeting of the Young Men's Muslim Association, Irinjalakkuda, held on the 24 th of Chingam 1104?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthalai.—Yes.

Grant to the Hidayathul Islam Sabha School.

136. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

are not the Government in possession of representations of Hidayathul Islam Sabha, Trichur, about the utter inadequacy of the grant sanctioned for their school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthalai.—No representation of the kind has reached the Government.

Pay of subordinate education staff and its revision.

137. Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was the last revision of the pay of teachers effected; when the previous one;

(b) have not the grievances of the teachers been taken to the Director and the Government by the duly constituted Teachers' Association when the Special Finance Committee was engaged in considering the grievances of the subordinates of the various Departments;

(c) what has the Director of Public Instruction, who was a member of the Committee, done by way of remedying the grievances of the teachers.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthalai.—

(a) Last revision 1—1—1098.

Previous one 1—1—1095.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Director has made proper representations before the Committee with due regard to the finances of the State as a whole. (Vide also the Report of the Committee.)

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (a), may I know what necessitated the last revision within three years of the previous one?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—An improvement in the scale of salaries of the people in the service was considered desirable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the present scale of pay of the teachers satisfactory or whether it is considered satisfactory?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is a matter of opinion.

President.—That is a matter under the consideration of the Special Finance Committee.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I have made it quite clear during the budget discussion and the Member himself knows that it is under consideration now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the answer to sub-division (3), am I to take that the recommendations contained in the report of the Finance Committee regarding teachers are all that the Director of Public Instruction placed before the Committee?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It does not follow from the answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do these contain all the recommendations, *i. e.*, suggestions made by the Director, or do they contain less or more?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The suggestions made by the Director are not included in the report. The Committee has accepted what they thought was practicable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Director has suggested to the Committee anything better than what is contained in the report or have the suggestions of the Director been improved upon either for the better or for the worse by the Committee?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I can say there has been no improvement for the worse.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Not for the worse. But then the funds at the disposal of the Government had also to be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That is stated in the answer. What I want to ascertain is whether the recommendations contained in the report as they now stand are an improvement upon the suggestions of the Director or anything less than what has been suggested by the Director?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is something less than what the Director would have liked to recommend with regard to their scale of pay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In that case we expected to find a dissenting minute from the Director.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There was a discussion with regard to that matter, and we came to an understanding and it was this: After the report was considered, it was decided that after the discussion of the report in the Legislative Council the report should go back to us or at any rate the proposals should come back to us before final orders were passed, so that we might have our say in the matter. It was on that understanding that some of us did not give our dissenting minutes. We thought that it would be waste of labour if we gave our minutes also on the report.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese—The understanding was that we should first submit a united report to the Council instead of putting in so many dissenting reports from each Department; we thought that it was better and so the President told us also.

President.—I suggested that the dissenting minutes might be added later on.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So it was thought better not to write a dissenting minute before the report has been considered by the Council.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Even if we write our dissenting minutes at the very beginning, it would have to be discussed in Council and various suggestions would have to be added to it. So it would be difficult to reconsider the whole thing before final orders are passed on the report. The report will have to be sent to us for our remarks.

Management of the Edavanakkad School.

138. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In answer to question No. 7 of the Special Session it is admitted that the management under Mr. M. Narayana Menon of the Edavanakkad School is fairly efficient.

If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether it was at the request of the Muslims or on account of any complaint against the Manager that the management was ordered to be changed;

if, as said in the answer, the school was intended for the Muslims, why was Mr. Narayana Menon appointed at all?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No change of management was ordered. It was a school under Muslim management that was originally sanctioned, the understanding between the Muslims and Mr. Narayana Menon being that, after one year, the school would be taken under Muslim management.

Road connecting Nelluwaya and Ponnani roads.

139. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—